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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7347**
Hirotugu KAWADA et al. : Docket No. 2000_1134A
Serial No. 09/640,783 : Group Art Unit 2135
Filed August 18, 2000 : Examiner Allen S. Wu

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of May 3, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, with traverse, on which the Examiner asserts that claims 1-3 are readable.

The Examiner has identified claims 1-3 as belonging to Group I, and claims 4-8 as belonging to Group II. Applicants respectfully submit, however, that claim 4 should be included in Group I, not in Group II.

Applicants note that claim 4 depends from claim 2, which in turn, depends from claim 1. Further, Applicants note that claim 4 does not recite the feature of a decoder using an encrypted key, which the Examiner asserts is the feature that corresponds to Group II (see Office Action at page 2). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that claim 4 be included in Group I, and that claims 1-4 be examined on their merits.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested. If there are any issues that the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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